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STATEMENT

Aviation Week and Space Technology Magazine, in its issue of September 13, has published certain allegations regarding the integrity of the national foreign intelligence process. On September 17, the Director of Central Intelligence sent the following letter to the Editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology:

Mr. Robert B. Holtz
Editor
Aviation Week and Space Technology
McGraw-Hill Publications, Inc.
1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020

Dear Mr. Holtz:

The Aviation Week and Space Technology for September 13th in the Washington Roundup section made reference to alleged manipulation of intelligence produced by the Central Intelligence Agency. It is regrettable that you had made no attempt to give us an opportunity to comment on the relevant portion of your report which impugns the integrity of the national foreign intelligence production process, of Secretary Kissinger, of myself as the President's chief intelligence adviser, and most important, of all the intelligence professionals who serve this country.

Specifically: I have never received nor would I ever entertain a suggestion, from whatever source and for whatever reason, to slant the intelligence product. I



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would never consider abusing my authority as Director of Central Intelligence for the purpose of manipulating results of professional analysis of intelligence data. I have complete confidence that CIA and Intelligence Community analysts working on this type study would resign before they would do what your article suggests.

In one short article, Secretary Kissinger, CIA analysts and, by inference, myself, have been maliciously slandered. I hope you will try to partially correct the damage by printing this letter.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Director